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Dear Friend:

I have just returned from my very very pleasant trip to Chicago. My visit to your office played a very big part in making the trip so enjoyable. Just the sight of the offices, and the realization that a member of our race, and particularly one of the baseball men, is going places and doing things, really made me feel good.

I realize more each day what a tremendous job it is to try and organize a group like ours. You have handled your part of the job in fine style, and are going ahead all the time I know. I wish we had done half as well in the east.

Please accept my sincere congratulations on all you have done to date, and I know you will continue on in the same direction, forward. In spite of the progress you have made there is still a long way to go and all of it an uphill climb.

I do hope our group will accept the program offered by Wendell Smith. I expect it to meet with opposition however from some of the selfish members. It will be nice to see you at our meeting. I hope we enjoy a good season, and take some steps forward, in the east, as you have done in the west. Abe sends his best regards,

Very Truly Yours